

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-15, and 17-20 were presented for examination. In his final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-15, and 17-19; and objected to claims 19 and 20. In his Advisory Action mailed December 22, 2005, the Examiner refused to enter the Amendment C Under Rule 116 filed November 30, 2005. Therefore, the various rejections and objections of the final Office Action still stand.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-3, 5-15, 17, and 18; and amend claims 19 and 20 pursuant to the provisions of Rule 116. Support for all amendments is found in the specification as originally filed. Reconsideration of this application as amended, and allowance of both claims remaining herein, claims 19 and 20 as amended, are hereby respectfully requested.

The Examiner is obliged to enter the present amendments because the amendments simply cancel claims and rewrite claims 19 and 20 into independent form, thereby placing the case in condition for allowance. 37 C.F.R. §1.116; MPEP 714.12, 714.13.

In his final rejection, the Examiner objected to claims 19 and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that claims 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants are adopting the Examiner's suggestion, and hereby rewriting claims 19 and 20 into independent form, by means of inserting verbatim the language from claim 1 (the independent claim to each of claims 19 and 20) into each of claims 19 and 20.

For the above reasons, the Examiner is requested to withdraw his objection to claims 19 and 20; and to allow these claims as amended.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance of both claims remaining herein, claims 19 and 20 as amended, and therefore an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees or believes that, for any other reason, direct

contact with Applicants' attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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